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PRETEEN VACCINE WEEK

Community stakeholders including the Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County are observing **“Preteen Vaccine Week” from January 18 – January 24, 2009** to promote awareness about the importance of preteen vaccines in protecting adolescents, their families, schools and communities against serious preventable diseases.

Vaccines are recommended for preteens by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health experts to protect against serious diseases including whooping cough, meningococcal meningitis and cervical cancer, as well as to extend the protection of infant and childhood vaccines. These vaccines are safe, effective and the single best way to prevent serious diseases.

A preventive health visit that includes recommended vaccines provides an opportunity to reconnect adolescents with a regular healthcare provider. It will also promote other healthy practices including healthy eating, regular physical activity and refrain from smoking. This type of visit will also assist the preteens in making sound health decisions.

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Preteens may receive recommended vaccinations at their healthcare provider's office, a community vaccination site, a community clinic or a Los Angeles County clinic.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim **"Preteen Vaccine Week" from January 18 – January 24, 2009** and call upon government officials, healthcare professionals, educators, businesses, community groups and organizations to join this effort in promoting good health practices throughout our communities.

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